

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Immediately following the title on page 1, and before the first paragraph, please add the following:

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/189,675 filed July 3, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,786,628, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 7-15 with the following:

Depth perception is also ~~depended~~ dependent upon the amount and type of light present. Heretofore multiple light sources have been used interchangeably in order to provide appropriate illumination. This is of course requires repeated insertion and removal of instruments. Alternatively, multiple surgical openings in the eye and multiple illuminators ~~maybe~~ may be used, however this adds to the risk of complications and may increase the difficulty of the surgical procedure.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 17-21 with the following:

~~Present~~ The present invention is directed to a hand held device which can be ~~utilize~~ utilized to provide either a focused or indirect beam of light, which is hereinafter referred to as chandelier, or floodlight, type illumination, or both as desired.

Replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 21-26 with the following:

A shutter may be provided for control of the passage of light into the first and second light fiber optics. In one embodiment the shutter may be an iris, and in another embodiment the shutter ~~maybe~~ may be a plane shutter. ~~Mechanical~~ A mechanical linkage may be provided for enabling manual control of the light transmitted through the fiber optics.

Replace the paragraph on page 5, line 30 – page 6, line 13 with the following:

As hereinafter discussed in greater detail, at least one fiber optic 20 is provided with a proximal end 22 ~~and~~ in light communication with the LED and a distal end 28 sized for insertion into an eye (not shown) for illumination of intraocular tissue (not shown). A lens ~~and/or~~ and/or filter 30 may be used to focus light onto the fiber optic proximal end 22 or direct coupling may be utilized. In addition a shutter arrangement ~~34~~ 68 may be utilized for controlling light passage into the fiber optic 20. Thus in accordance with the present invention the LED is utilized instead of the standard Xenon or Halogen bulb in a console (not shown) to provide illumination without a high level of heat generated and with a significantly lower level of power. It should be appreciated that the hand held device 10 ~~maybe~~ may be constructed at low cost and be disposable or of limited reuse.